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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1389

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bermudez and Longville)**

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 7912 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1389, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Public Utilities Commission: reports: hiring: capital investment.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities.

This bill would require any public utility employing more than 750 total employees to annually report certain information to the commission and would require the commission to annually report that information to the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications, or successor committees, and to make the information available to the public on its Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Public utilities serve a vital function, providing basic
4 infrastructure essential to the efficient conduct of commerce and
5 societal interaction.

6 (b) In exchange for the state's granting of a certificate of public
7 convenience and necessity or a wireless identification registration
8 number, public utilities bear a heightened responsibility for
9 contributing to the public interest.

10 (c) The public interest has been interpreted to include
11 providing an adequate level of public utility service at a just and
12 reasonable rate. A more complete interpretation of the public
13 interest would also give consideration to the benefits of public
14 utility employment to the state and its residents.

15 (d) Given the difficult economic climate and the increasing
16 unemployment rate within the State of California, it is necessary
17 and proper state policy to encourage the employment of
18 Californians by California's public utilities.

19 (e) The Public Utilities Commission should monitor and
20 annually report to the Legislature, information showing the levels
21 of employment of California residents and capital investment in
22 California by public utilities, so that the state can ensure greater
23 oversight of public utilities and more comprehensive, informed
24 policymaking.

25 SEC. 2. Section 7912 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to
26 read:

27 7912. (a) ~~Public utilities~~ A public utility employing more
28 than 750 total employees shall annually report to the commission
29 all of the following:

30 (1) The number of customers served in California by the public
31 utility.

32 (2) The percentage of the public ~~utilities'~~ utility's total
33 domestic customer base that resides in California.

34 (3) The number of California residents employed by the public
35 utility, calculated on a full-time or full-time equivalent basis.

1 (4) The percentage of the public ~~utilities~~² utility's total
2 domestic workforce, calculated on a full-time or full-time
3 equivalent basis, that resides in California.

4 (5) The capital investment in the public utility's tangible and
5 intangible plant which ordinarily have a service life of more than
6 one year, including plant used by the company or others in
7 providing public utility services, in California during the yearly
8 reporting period.

9 (6) The number of California residents employed by
10 independent contractors and consultants hired by the public utility,
11 calculated on a full-time or full-time equivalent basis, *when the*
12 *public utility has obtained this information upon requesting it from*
13 *the independent contractor or consultant, and the public utility is*
14 *not contractually prohibited from disclosing the information to the*
15 *public.* This subdivision is inapplicable to contractors and
16 consultants that are a public utility subject to the reporting
17 requirements of this section. *This paragraph applies only to those*
18 *employees of an independent contractor or consultant that are*
19 *personally providing services to the public utility, and does not*
20 *apply to employees of an independent contractor or consultant not*
21 *personally performing services for the public utility.*

22 ~~(b) The commission may require any business that is a~~
23 ~~subsidiary or affiliate of, or a corporation which holds a~~
24 ~~controlling interest in, a public utility, to report similar~~
25 ~~information when reporting this information furthers the purposes~~
26 ~~of this section.~~

27 ~~(c)~~

28 (b) The commission shall annually report the information
29 required to be reported by public utilities pursuant to subdivision
30 (a), to the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce and
31 the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications,
32 or their successor committees, and within a reasonable time
33 thereafter, shall make the information available to the public on its
34 Internet Web site.